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Employed	- 1.0	- 1.0
Unemployed	- 1.0	+ 1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Participation Rate (%)	+ 0.5	+ 0.1

ANALYSIS [1]

For the month of October the unemployment rate for Nova Scotia had an increase of 0.3 percentage points, with the rate (seasonally-adjusted) increasing from 10.4 percent in September to 10.7 percent in October. The reason for the increase was caused by the fall in the employment figures of 1,000 persons over the month period. What has happened is that the unemployed figure grew in numbers, while the total labour pool remained constant, thus, has caused the unemployment rate to increase in percentage points. This feature of a fall in the employment figures after it was seasonally-adjusted shows that the local economy is still weak with no growth in the total labour force. This shows that economy could not handle its present labour force, and any growth in the labour pool could cause further increases in the unemployment rate. Also, this fall of 1,000 persons could be the lay-offs from government work programs from the summer, which could show the effect of government programs on our economy.

For Nova Scotia, a year ago at this time, the rate stood at 10.9 percent which shows again that the local economy has not shown any real improvement over the year period. For Canada the rate remained constant over the month period at 8.3 percent. As a nation, Canada had its job opportunities increase as the total labour pool increased with the unemployed figures remaining at 886,000 persons over the month period.

Across the province, the unemployment picture did not show any great improvement. Like last month's figures for some sub-provincial areas, the unemployment rate did drop but the fall could be caused by the drop in the participation rate as people left the job markets. (See Table 8 .) The only good sign at this level is that the rates in some areas are somewhat lower than the summertime figures. However, the problem seems to be that the total labour force and employment figures are not constant to any pattern for a clear picture of the job markets without greater detailed research into the problems.

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AUG.	579	337	316	22	6.4	58.3
SEPT.	580	330	304	25	7.7	56.8
OCT.	581	324	302	22	6.8	55.7
NOV.	582	319	296	23	7.3	54.7
DEC.	583	322	295	26	8.2	55.1
AVERAGE 1975	578	320	295	25	7.8	55.3
1976 - JAN.	585	315	287	29	9.1	53.9
FEB.	586	315	286	29	9.2	53.7
MAR.	587	314	284	30	9.5	53.4
APR.	588	319	286	33	10.3	54.3
MAY	589	325	294	31	9.5	55.2
JUNE	590	331 c	302 c	30 c	8.9	56.2
JULY	591	344	311	33	9.6	58.2
AUG.	593	343	310	33	9.5	57.8
SEPT.	594	328 c	297	32	9.4	55.3
OCT.	595	329	298	32	9.6	55.4
NOV.	596	328	294	34	10.2	55.1
DEC.	597	324	292	32	10.0	54.3
AVERAGE 1976	591	326	295	31	9.6	55.2
1977 - JAN.	598	310	276	34	11.1	51.9
FEB.	599	316	274	42	13.2	52.7
MAR.	600	324	281	43	13.2	54.0
APR.	601	324	283	41	12.7	54.0
MAY	602	335	300	35	10.4	55.7
JUNE	603	342	309	33	9.6	56.8
JULY	603	356	321	35	9.8	59.0
AUG.	605	357	325	33	9.2	59.1
SEPT.	605	338	305	33	9.7	55.8
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JULY	322	291	31	9.6	54.5
AUG.	326	290	36	11.0	55.0
SEPT.	327	293	34	10.4	55.1
OCT.	331	295	36	10.9	55.6
NOV.	330	293	37	11.2	55.4
DEC.	328	296	32	9.8	54.9
AVERAGE 1976	326	295	31	9.6	55.2
1977 - JAN.	322	290	32	9.9	53.8
FEB.	326	290	36	11.0	54.4
MAR.	334	295	39	11.7	55.7
APR.	331	294	37	11.2	55.1
MAY	331	296	35	10.6	55.0
JUNE	334	297	37	11.1	55.4
JULY	335	301	34	10.1	55.6
AUG.	340	305	35	10.3	56.2
SEPT.	336	301	35	10.4	55.5
OCT.	336	300	36	10.7	55.4

TABLE 3: - ACTUAL AND SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED LABOUR FORCE DATA

		LABOUR FORCE (000's)		EMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	
		Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
CANADA	OCT.	10,707	10,730	9,920	9,844	787	886	7.3	8.3	61.7	61.8
	SEPT.	10,703	10,711	9,906	9,825	798	886	7.5	8.3	61.8	61.8
NOVA SCOTIA	OCT.	336	336	304	300	32	36	9.4	10.7	55.3	55.4
	SEPT.	338	336	305	301	33	35	9.7	10.4	55.8	55.5
NEW BRUNSWICK	OCT.	276	274	243	234	34	40	12.1	14.6	55.1	54.6
	SEPT.	277	270	246	234	31	36	11.3	13.3	55.4	53.9
NEW-FOUNDLAND	OCT.	193	190	164	157	29	33	14.8	17.4	50.7	49.9
	SEPT.	198	190	170	160	27	30	13.9	15.8	52.0	50.0
P.E.I.	OCT.	50	50	46	44	4	6	8.6	11.2	57.1	55.7
	SEPT.	51	50	47	45	4	5	7.3	9.3	57.9	55.7
QUEBEC	OCT.	2,814	2,832	2,532	2,508	282	324	10.0	11.4	59.0	59.4
	SEPT.	2,826	2,824	2,545	2,518	281	306	9.9	10.8	59.3	59.2
ONTARIO	OCT.	4,072	4,110	3,828	3,831	245	279	6.0	6.8	64.4	65.0
	SEPT.	4,048	4,077	3,786	3,781	262	296	6.5	7.3	64.2	64.6

* Due to the small size of the sample, the high percentage of sampling variability rendered such figures unpublishable.

TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,707	336	276	2,814	4,072
Male	6,608	208	173	1,767	2,462
Female	4,099	127	103	1,047	1,610
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,788	94	79	734	1,001
25 and over	7,919	242	197	2,080	3,071
15 - 19 years	1,122	35	29	270	411
20 - 24 years	1,666	59	51	464	590
25 - 44 years	4,899	149	126	1,327	1,875
45 - 64 years	2,830	88	67	707	1,123
65 and over	190	5	5	45	73

The monthly labour force survey estimates that the labour force in Nova Scotia was 336,000 in October. This level is a decrease of 2,000 persons over September's figures, while in comparison to a year ago at this time the labour force had increased by 7,000 persons. The decrease in the labour force can be found in both sexes as both the male and female figures dropped by 1,000 persons. All age groups reported a decrease in their numbers except the 25 and over group and 45 - 64 years age group which both had an increase of 1,000 persons. The 45 - 64 years age group caused the increase in the 25 and over group. The age group 15 - 24 years had a decrease of 2,000 persons; 15 - 19 years, 1000 persons; 20 - 24 years, 2,000 persons; and the groups 25 - 44 years and 65 and over remained constant during the month period.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,920	304	243	2,532	3,828
Male	6,207	190	154	1,615	2,350
Female	3,713	113	88	917	1,477
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,405	77	63	596	888
25 and over	7,515	227	180	1,936	2,939
15 - 19 years	937	27	20	207	359
20 - 24 years	1,468	50	42	389	529
25 - 44 years	4,618	139	114	1,224	1,787
45 - 64 years	2,712	84	62	668	1,082
65 and over	185	5	5	44	70

Actual employment during October was 304,000, a decrease of 1,000 persons over September's figures. The decrease can only be found in the male sector by 3,000 persons, while the female sector increased by 1,000 persons.

All of the age groups reported a decrease, except the 25 and over group which had an increase of 1,000 persons and 24 - 44 years group with an increase of 3,000 persons. The decreases were found in the 15 - 24 years age group, 2,000 persons; both 15 - 19 years age group and 20 - 24 years age group, 1,000 persons, while the groups 45 - 64 years and 65 and over remained constant over the period.

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TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,920	304	243	2,532	3,828
Goods-producing					
Agriculture	496	8	6	77	129
Other Primary	254	12	11	56	57
Manufacturing	1,914	42	38	569	922
Construction	692	25	21	152	253
Service-producing					
Transportation, Comm. & Other Utilities	834	31	28	210	280
Trade	1,739	56	45	427	655
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	554	13	10	137	234
Community Business & Personal Services	2,758	88	68	730	1,046
Public Administration	679	29	17	175	253

For the goods-producing sector for the month of October, agriculture and construction were the only groups which had increases of 1,000 persons. The remaining two groups, other primary and manufacturing, both had decreases of 2,000 persons.

The service-producing sector only had two groups which showed any increase. These groups were service and public administration, both with an increase of 2,000 persons. Trade was the only group to have a decline, which was 1,000 persons. The other groups, transportation and finance remained constant over the period.

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TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,920	304	243	2,532	3,828
Managerial	2,202	65	49	588	873
Clerical	1,707	50	38	450	688
Sales	1,121	32	27	260	447
Service	1,233	42	32	313	464
Primary Occupations	658	19	13	113	167
Processing	1,498	41	35	442	645
Construction	720	27	25	159	251
Transportation	400	17	13	104	141
Materials Handling & Other Crafts	383	11	11	103	150

Total employment in all occupations in Nova Scotia reported a decrease of 1,000 persons for October. There were both increases and decreases for each of the occupations for the month, except construction which remained constant. The increases were found in service, 2,000 persons; managerial, clerical and transportation, all having increases of 1,000 persons. The decreases were found in sales and processing, both with 2,000 persons and material handling having a decrease of 1,000 persons.

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TABLE 8

Labour Force Data For Economic Regions
Within Nova Scotia
October, 1977

Unemployment Rates

	October	September	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	12.3	13.8	- 1.5
Economic Region (Group 7)	11.2	12.1	- 0.9
Economic Region (Group 8)	6.7	6.4	+ 0.3
Economic Region (Group 9)	9.6	6.9	+ 2.7
Economic Region (Group 10)	8.3	8.8	- 0.5
Halifax Metropolitan Area	8.7	8.8	- 0.1

Participation Rate

	October	September	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	50.0	50.9	- 0.9
Economic Region (Group 7)	48.7	50.9	- 2.0
Economic Region (Group 8)	54.4	52.4	+ 2.0
Economic Region (Group 9)	50.1	51.1	- 1.0
Economic Region (Group 10)	64.8	64.7	+ 0.1
Halifax Metropolitan Area	65.2	64.9	+ 0.3

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Total Labour Force Breakdown For Economic Regions*
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	Population (000's)	Labour Force (000's)	Employment (000's)	Unemployment (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
Economic Region (Group 6)	122	61	54	7	12.3	50.0
Economic Region (Group 7)	112	55	49	6	11.2	48.7
Economic Region (Group 8)	74	40	38	-	6.7	54.4
Economic Region (Group 9)	86	43	39	4	9.6	50.1
Economic Region (Group 10)	209	135	124	11	8.3	64.8
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For the month of November, the unemployment rate for Nova Scotia remained constant over the month period at 10.7 percent (seasonally-adjusted). The reason for the unemployment rate remaining constant was the fact that the increase of 1,000 persons in the labour force can be found in the employment figures. The labour force increased from 336,000 persons to 337,000 persons, while the employment figure increased from 300,000 persons to 301,000 persons. This feature shows that the Nova Scotia economy could absorb the labour force increase which it could not do last month. Thus, the result was that the unemployment figure for the month remained at 36,000 persons.

Nova Scotia results showed a better picture than the national average, with unemployment for Canada increasing by 0.1 percentage points. What happened for Canada was an increase in the labour force (8,000 persons) and a fall in the employment figures (6,000 persons), which caused the increase in the unemployment figure of 14,000 persons. The final result was the increase in the unemployment rate of 0.1 percentage points.

For across the province, the results were both good and bad. The usual troubled areas like Cape Breton and the Pictou area had large increases in their unemployment rate. (See Table 8). The regions to have any drop in their rates were Halifax county and city and the South Shore. (See Table 8). The only good sign for the sub-provincial regions was the fact that only two regions were above the provincial average (10.7 percent) and they were Cape Breton at 13.9 percent and Pictou with 11.7 percent. One must remember that the sub-provincial rates are actual and 10.7 percent is seasonal-adjusted. The actual rate for Nova Scotia was 10.0 percent unemployed, which is an increase of 0.6 percentage points over October's figure of 9.4 percent. Using the actual rate, again only Cape Breton and the Pictou area are above the provincial average of 10.0 percent (actual rate).

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	OCT.	10,707	10,730	9,920	9,844	787	886	7.3	8.3	61.7	61.8
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	OCT.	276	274	243	234	34	40	12.1	14.6	55.1	54.6
NEW-FOUNDLAND	NOV.	195	196	163	161	33	35	16.7	17.9	51.3	51.4
	OCT.	193	190	164	157	29	33	14.8	17.4	50.7	49.9
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	OCT.	50	50	46	44	4	6	8.6	11.2	57.1	55.7
QUEBEC	NOV.	2,817	2,840	2,522	2,517	295	323	10.5	11.4	59.0	59.5
	OCT.	2,814	2,832	2,532	2,508	282	324	10.0	11.4	59.0	59.4
ONTARIO	NOV.	4,059	4,085	3,806	3,806	253	279	6.2	6.8	64.1	64.5
	OCT.	4,048	4,077	3,786	3,781	262	296	6.5	7.3	64.2	64.6

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TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,670	334	270	2,817	4,059
Male	6,582	207	169	1,772	2,454
Female	4,088	127	101	1,045	1,605
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,769	93	77	729	992
25 and over	7,901	242	193	2,088	3,068
15 - 19 years	1,102	35	27	262	405
20 - 24 years	1,667	58	50	467	586
25 - 44 years	4,899	149	123	1,334	1,878
45 - 64 years	2,817	86	65	707	1,117
65 and over	186	6	4	45	73

The monthly labour force survey estimates that the labour force in Nova Scotia was 334,000 in November. This level is a decrease of 2,000 persons over October's figures, while in comparison to a year ago at this time, the labour force has increased by 10,000 persons. The decrease in the labour force can be found in the male sector only, with a fall of 1,000 persons, while the female sector remained constant over the period. For the age groups, only 65 and over had an increase in their numbers which was 1,000 persons. The groups 15 - 24 years and 20 - 24 years both reported a loss of 1,000 persons, and 45 -64 years had a decline of 2,000 persons. For the remaining age groups, there was no change in their figures over the month period.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,830	301	233	2,522	3,806
Male	6,132	188	147	1,604	2,331
Female	3,698	112	86	918	1,475
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,370	96	60	593	872
25 and over	7,460	224	173	1,929	2,934
15 - 19 years	910	27	19	202	347
20 - 24 years	1,460	49	41	391	524
25 - 44 years	4,605	138	109	1,227	1,794
45 - 64 years	2,675	81	60	658	1,071
65 and over	181	6	4	44	70

Actual employment during November was 301,000, a decrease of 3,000 persons over October's figures. The decrease can be found in both the male and female sectors. The males declined by 2,000 persons, while the female sector had a fall of 1,000 persons.

All of the age groups reported a decrease, except the 65 and over age group which had an increase of 1,000 persons. The decreases were found in the groups 15 - 24 years, 20 - 24 years, and 25 - 44 years which all reported a decline of 1,000 persons. The groups 25 and over and 45 - 64 years both reported a loss of 3,000 persons, and finally the 15 - 19 years age group remained constant.

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TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,830	301	223	2,522	3,806
Goods-producing					
Agriculture	446	7	4	71	120
Other Primary	246	13	9	56	56
Manufacturing	1,916	41	37	564	919
Construction	669	23	18	151	245
Service-producing					
Transportation, Comm. & Other Utilities	817	30	27	207	270
Trade	1,725	57	45	431	643
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	557	15	9	137	236
Community Business & Personal Services	2,772	87	68	729	1,053
Public Administration	683	28	17	176	254

For the goods-producing sector for the month of November other primary was the only group to have an increase, which was 1,000 persons. The remaining groups, agriculture and manufacturing both had a decline of 1,000 persons, while construction had the largest loss of 2,000 persons.

The service-producing sector only had two groups which showed any increase. They were finance with 2,000 persons and trade with 1,000 persons. The remaining groups all had declines of 1,000 persons over the month period.

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TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,830	301	233	2,522	3,805
Managerial	2,196	65	51	577	867
Clerical	1,719	50	39	464	686
Sales	1,079	33	24	261	432
Service	1,237	42	30	309	476
Primary Occupations	599	17	10	107	157
Processing	1,507	40	34	443	653
Construction	692	26	22	158	240
Transportation	400	17	12	101	143
Materials Handling & Other Crafts	383	12	10	102	151

Total employment in all occupations in Nova Scotia reported a decrease of 2,000 persons for November. There was only one group to report an increase, which was sales by 1,000 persons. The decline in numbers were processing, construction, and material handling, all having a decrease of 1,000 persons. Primary occupations had the largest decrease of 2,000 persons. The remaining occupations remained constant.

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TABLE 8

Labour Force Data For Economic Regions
Within Nova Scotia
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Unemployment Rates

	November	October	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	13.9	12.3	+ 1.6
Economic Region (Group 7)	11.7	11.2	+ 0.5
Economic Region (Group 8)	9.2	6.7	+ 2.5
Economic Region (Group 9)	9.2	9.6	- 0.4
Economic Region (Group 10)	8.1	8.3	- 0.2
Halifax Metropolitan Area	8.4	8.7	- 0.3

Participation Rates

	November	October	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	51.5	50.0	+ 1.5
Economic Region (Group 7)	47.3	48.7	- 1.4
Economic Region (Group 8)	53.1	54.4	- 1.3
Economic Region (Group 9)	50.4	50.1	+ 0.3
Economic Region (Group 10)	63.9	64.8	- 0.9
Halifax Metropolitan Area	64.7	65.2	- 0.5

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all of Cape Breton Island.
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	Population (000's)	Labour Force (000's)	Employment (000's)	Unemployment (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
Economic Region (Group 6)	120	62	53	9	13.9	51.5
Economic Region (Group 7)	112	53	47	6	11.7	47.3
Economic Region (Group 8)	75	40	36	4	9.2	53.1
Economic Region (Group 9)	86	43	39	4	9.2	50.4
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FOREWARD

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The data and analysis presented in the foregoing tables are only intended as an overall insight into labour force activity and composition. A certain amount or more detailed information is available upon request from the Nova Scotia Department of Labour.

A special feature for this month is the 1977 annual averages which were added to tables 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 which is a new table for the annual averages for the economic regions.

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ANALYSIS [1]

For the month of December the unemployment rate for Nova Scotia reported a drop of one-half a percentage point (0.5 percent) with the rate (seasonally-adjusted) decreasing from 10.7 percent in November to 10.2 percent in December. The reason for the fall in this month's rate was not because of an improvement in the economy but because of a decline in the total labour force over last month's figure by 4,000 persons. This fall in the total labour force caused both the employment and unemployment figures to fall by 2,000 persons. Thus, the final result was the decline of the unemployment rate by one-half a percentage point.

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		LABOUR FORCE (000's)		EMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	
		Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
CANADA	DEC.	10,612	10,753	9,729	9,842	882	911	8.3	8.5	60.9	61.7
	NOV.	10,670	10,738	9,830	9,838	840	900	7.9	8.4	61.4	61.8
NOVA SCOTIA	DEC.	329	333	296	299	33	34	10.1	10.2	54.2	54.8
	NOV.	334	337	301	301	33	36	10.0	10.7	55.0	55.5
NEW BRUNSWICK	DEC.	266	273	228	234	38	39	14.2	14.3	52.8	54.3
	NOV.	276	274	233	234	36	40	13.5	14.6	53.6	54.5
NEW-FOUNDLAND	DEC.	186	194	155	160	31	34	16.6	17.5	48.9	50.9
	NOV.	195	196	163	161	33	35	16.7	17.9	51.3	51.4
P.E.I.	DEC.	48	51	42	45	5	6	11.1	11.4	53.6	56.2
	NOV.	49	50	44	44	5	6	11.0	12.4	55.8	56.2
QUEBEC	DEC.	2,804	2,841	2,490	2,514	314	327	11.2	11.5	58.7	59.5
	NOV.	2,817	2,840	2,522	2,517	295	323	10.5	11.4	59.0	59.5
ONTARIO	DEC.	4,050	4,089	3,773	3,800	277	289	6.8	7.1	63.8	64.5
	NOV.	4,059	4,085	3,806	3,806	253	279	6.2	6.8	64.1	64.5

*Due to the small size of the sample, the high percentage of sampling variability rendered such figures unpublishable.

TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	1977 Average For Nova Scotia
Total	10,612	329	266	2,804	4,050	333
Male	6,540	203	167	1,760	2,448	209
Female	4,071	126	99	1,044	1,602	125
Age Categories						
15 - 24 years	2,731	91	75	719	977	98
25 and over	7,881	239	191	2,086	3,073	236
15 - 19 years	1,068	33	26	253	390	38
20 - 24 years	1,664	57	49	465	587	60
25 - 44 years	4,095	149	122	1,334	1,892	146
45 - 64 years	2,792	85	64	704	1,111	84
65 and over	184	5	4	48	70	5

The monthly labour force survey estimates that the labour force in Nova Scotia was 329,000 in December. This level is a decrease of 5,000 persons over November's figures, while in comparison to a year ago at this time the labour force has increased by 5,000 persons. The decrease in the labour force can be found mostly in the male category as it fell by 4,000 persons, while the female sector only dropped by 1,000 persons. All age groups reported a decline except the 25 - 44 years age group which remained constant over the period. The largest decline was the group 25 and over with a fall of 3,000 persons. The group 15 - 24 years and 15 - 19 years (youth sector) both had a drop of 2,000 persons, while the remaining groups all had falls of 1,000 persons.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	1977 Average For Nova Scotia
Total	9,729	296	228	2,490	3,773	298
Male	6,025	184	143	1,590	2,298	188
Female	3,704	112	85	920	1,475	110
Age Categories						
15 - 24 years	2,325	75	58	582	849	80
25 and over	7,405	222	170	1,908	2,923	217
15 - 19 years	876	27	18	193	332	30
20 - 24 years	1,448	48	40	389	517	50
25 - 44 years	4,589	137	107	1,214	1,797	133
45 - 64 years	2,635	79	59	647	1,057	79
65 and over	181	5	4	47	69	5

Actual employment during December was 296,000, a decrease of 5,000 persons over November's figures. The decrease can be found in the male category only with a decline of 4,000 persons.

All the age groups reported a decrease, except the group 15 - 19 years of age which remained constant for the month period. The groups 25 and over and 45 - 64 years of age both had the largest decrease of 2,000 persons, while the remaining groups all had declines of 1,000 persons.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	1977 Average For Nova Scotia
TOTAL	9,729	296	228	2,490	3,773	298
Goods-producing						
Agriculture	413	6	3	63	112	7
Other Primary	232	15	9	47	54	14
Manufacturing	1,894	39	36	559	914	42
Construction	601	21	15	130	224	20
Service-producing						
Transportation, Comm. & Other Utilities	882	32	27	204	281	30
Trade	1,745	57	44	437	638	55
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	550	15	9	135	224	13
Community Business & Personal Services	2,782	85	68	731	1,062	87
Public Administration	690	27	17	183	258	30

For the goods-producing sector for the month of December the other primary category was the only group to have an increase, which was by 2,000 persons. The remaining groups, construction and manufacturing, both had a decline of 2,000 persons, while agriculture had a loss of 1,000 persons.

The service-producing sector only had one group that showed any increase, which was transportation with 2,000 persons. In the remaining groups, service had a fall of 2,000 persons, public administration with 1,000 persons, and the other groups remained constant over the month period.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	1977 Average For Nova Scotia
TOTAL	9,729	296	228	2,490	3,773	298
Managerial	2,222	65	51	577	896	64
Clerical	1,729	50	38	457	691	49
Sales	1,098	33	25	266	425	32
Service	1,234	40	30	319	464	42
Primary Occupations	547	18	9	91	145	19
Processing	1,490	39	33	440	640	40
Construction	630	23	20	140	220	24
Transportation	392	17	11	98	140	16
Materials Handling & Other Crafts	387	12	10	102	150	12

Total employment in all occupations in Nova Scotia reported a decrease of 5,000 persons for December. There was only one group to report an increase, which was primary occupations with 1,000 persons. There were three groups to show a loss, which were service with 2,000 persons, processing with 1,000 persons, and construction with 3,000 persons. The remaining groups had no change in their figures over the month period.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 8

Labour Force Data For Economic Regions
Within Nova Scotia
December, 1977

Unemployment Rates

	December	November	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	12.5	13.9	- 1.4
Economic Region (Group 7)	12.9	11.7	+ 1.2
Economic Region (Group 8)	12.5	9.2	+ 3.3
Economic Region (Group 9)	6.0	9.2	- 3.2
Economic Region (Group 10)	8.6	8.1	+ 0.5
Halifax Metropolitan Area	9.1	8.4	+ 0.7

Participation Rates

	December	November	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	50.5	51.5	- 1.0
Economic Region (Group 7)	46.9	47.3	- 0.4
Economic Region (Group 8)	51.8	53.1	- 1.3
Economic Region (Group 9)	49.7	50.4	- 0.7
Economic Region (Group 10)	63.1	63.9	- 0.8
Halifax Metropolitan Area	64.3	64.7	- 0.4

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all of Cape Breton Island.
Economic Region (Group 7) includes the counties of Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough and Pictou.
Economic Region (Group 8) includes the counties of Annapolis, Hants and Kings.
Economic Region (Group 9) includes the counties of Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth.
Economic Region (Group 10) includes the county of Halifax.

TABLE 9

Total Labour Force Breakdown for Economic Regions*
Within Nova Scotia
December, 1977

	Population (000's)	Labour Force (000's)	Employment (000's)	Unemployment (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
Economic Region (Group 6)	119	60	53	7	12.5	50.5
Economic Region (Group 7)	114	53	46	7	12.9	46.9
Economic Region (Group 8)	73	38	33	5	12.5	51.8
Economic Region (Group 9)	85	42	40	-	6.0	49.7
Economic Region (Group 10)	213	134	123	12	8.6	63.1
Halifax Metropolitan Area	178	114	104	10	9.1	64.3

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all of Cape Breton Island.
Economic Region (Group 7) includes the counties of Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough and Pictou.
Economic Region (Group 8) includes the counties of Annapolis, Hants and Kings.
Economic Region (Group 9) includes the counties of Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth.
Economic Region (Group 10) includes the county of Halifax.

*New feature.

TABLE 10

Total Labour Force Breakdown for Economic Regions*
Within Nova Scotia
1977 Annual Averages

	Population (000's)	Labour Force (000's)	Employment (000's)	Unemployment (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
Economic Region (Group 6)	121	60	51	9	14.5	49.7
Economic Region (Group 7)	112	56	48	8	13.8	49.8
Economic Region (Group 8)	70	38	34	4	10.6	53.7
Economic Region (Group 9)	88	44	39	4	10.2	50.0
Economic Region (Group 10)	208	134	124	11	7.8	64.6
Halifax Metropolitan Area	173	114	105	9	7.8	65.6

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all of Cape Breton Island.
Economic Region (Group 7) includes the counties of Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough and Pictou.
Economic Region (Group 8) includes the counties of Annapolis, Hants and Kings.
Economic Region (Group 9) includes the counties of Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth.
Economic Region (Group 10) includes the county of Halifax.

*New feature.

APPENDIX [1]

Statistical Note:

The labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, participation rate, employment by industry and sub-provincial data contained in the Labour Force Report are estimates, which are derived from Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey. The reliability of these estimates is indicated by a letter. The letter "a" indicates the highest degree of reliability, "b", "c", etc., indicate decreasing levels of reliability. Reliability letters apply to all preceding month's data in each category. In 95 out of 100 cases, the percent of estimates at 1 Standard Deviation are: a ... 0.0-0.5; b ... 0.6-10.0; c ... 1.1-1.5; d ... 2.5-5.0; e ... 5.1-10.0; f ... 10.1-16.5; g ... 16.6-25.0. (Seasonally-adjusted estimates exclude seasonal movements from each month's data but include irregular and long-term cyclical fluctuations.)